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NSC Executive Committee Record of Action, November 20, 1962, 3:30 PM  
Meeting No. 28

1. The members read a message from the Russians containing their terms for settling the Cuban crisis.
2. The President approved a statement to be made at his 6:00 PM press conference following discussion and decision on the following actions:
  - a. The quarantine is to be lifted immediately and a proclamation revoking it is to be prepared.
  - b. U.S. naval forces in the Caribbean will remain for the time being; Latin American ships in the quarantine force will be asked to stay.
  - c. No low-level air reconnaissance missions will be flown tomorrow. High-level flights will continue intermittently at a rate of approximately one a day.
  - d. The SAC air alert will be terminated and other forces will be put on a reduced alert basis.
  - e. Some of the U.S. planes now concentrated in coastal areas will be deployed inland.
  - f. Air Force reserves will be released before Christmas.
  - g. An OAS meeting will not be held on Friday but Latin American Ambassadors will be briefed on current developments at the State Department this afternoon.
3. The President asked that instructions be prepared for Ambassador Stevenson and Mr. McCloy covering negotiations on formal no-invasion assurances.

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McGeorge Bundy

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